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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/594,284	Applicant(s) KAWAMOTO ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 June 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13,14,18,21,23,25 and 27-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13,14,18,21,23,25 and 27-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
3. Claims 34-37, 39, and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
4. Regarding claim 34, the phrase "upon use of that terminal unit by the user and profile information of said user" renders the claim unclear, as it is not clear as to what the profile information pertains to.
5. Regarding claims 35, 39, and 41, the phrase "detachably connecting" is unclear and appears to be a contradiction (i.e., it is not clear as to how something can be connected detachably since something detached by nature lacks a connection).
6. Regarding claim 36 and 37, the phrase "providing provide" renders the claims unclear.
7. Regarding claim 37, the phrase "information corresponding to use of each terminal unit used the user" renders the claims unclear.

8. Regarding claim 39, the claim recites "from the apparatus.the communication".
The claim cannot contain two periods.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. Claims 13, 14, 18, 21, 23, 25, 27-33, 38, and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over by Dedrick (U.S. Pat. No. 5,717,923) in view of Lee et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,751,459), hereinafter referred to as Lee.
10. Regarding claim 13, Dedrick teaches about a user information processing system comprising (Fig 1) (Col 2, lines 60-65): a terminal unit "client system-personal computer" for use by a user adapted for accumulating use of said terminal unit by said user and the profile information of said user "client activities monitoring", wherein said profile information includes identifying Information about said terminal unit (Col 5, lines 20-40) (Col 5, lines 50-60); (The session manager has to know the identity of the terminal (IP source address) in order to setup a session between the terminal and server). said server "metering server" server accessible by said terminal unit adapted for producing said profile information; (Col 9, lines 25-35); and storing means "personal profile database 27" detachably provided in said terminal unit for storing said profile Information so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal (Col 5, lines 50-65) (Col 6, lines 5-15); but does explicitly teach that the user and profile information is collected base on the terminal use

information. Dedrick teaches about the possibility of using different client systems (Terminal unit) (Col 3, lines 1-10) in which each transaction is stored for billing purpose.

11. Lee teaches about the potential for the internet and the problem cause when one user is allowed to access more than one terminal (Col 1, line 60- Col 2, line 20). Lee teaches the solution of using terminal use information (Col 2, line 60-Col 3, line 15). It would have been obvious at the time of the invention for some one of ordinary skill to improve on the billing process of Dedrick by using Lee invention which provide the means for better transaction recording in a growing complex technology like the internet.

12. Regarding claim 14, Dedrick combined with Lee, teaches about a terminal unit comprising: use record information writing means for writing use record information used by the user (Col 5, lines 50-65); storing means detachable provided in said terminal unit for storing profile information of said user so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal unit (Dedrick Col 6, lines 5-15); transmitting means "session manager" for transmitting said use record information "personal profile" accumulated in storing means "personal profile database 27" to profile information generating means remote from the terminal unit for every prescribed timing (Dedrick Col 5, lines 20-35) (Dedrick Col 6, lines 5-15) (Dedrick Col 9, lines 25-35); profile information writing means for receiving the profile information of said user based on said use record information which is transmitted from said profile information generating means and writing said received profile Information in said

storing means "personal profile database 30", wherein at least one of said use record information and said profile information includes identifying information for said terminal unit (Dedrick Col 9, lines 25-40); and (Transaction requires known the identities of the terminal and the server). selecting means for selecting provided information corresponding to said profile information written in said storing means from among provided information transmitted from prescribed information providing means (Dedrick Col 6, line 65- Col 7, line 10) (Dedrick Col 7, lines 55-65).

13. Regarding claim 18, Dedrick combined with Lee, teaches about a terminal unit comprising: use record information writing means for writing use record information used by a user in prescribed storing means detachably provided in said terminal unit for storing profile information of said user so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal (Dedrick Col 5, lines 50-65) (Dedrick Col 6, lines 5-15). (Dedrick Col 5, lines 20-40) (Covered in claim 13); profile information writing means for writing profile information of said user in said storing means "personal profile database 27", wherein said profile information is generated by a profile information generating means "statistic compilation process 26" remote from the terminal unit on the basis of said use record information accumulated in said storing means, and wherein at least one of said use record information and said profile information includes identifying information for said terminal unit (Dedrick Col 5, lines 20-40); and (The session manager has to know the identity of the terminal (IP source address) in order to setup a session between the terminal and server). selecting means

for selecting provided information corresponding to said profile information written in said storing means from among provided information transmitted from prescribed information providing means (Dedrick Col 6, line 65- Col 7, line 10) (Dedrick Col 7, lines 55-65).

14. Regarding claim 21, Dedrick combined with Lee, teaches about an apparatus for providing information to a terminal unit remote from the apparatus, said apparatus comprising: profile Information generating means for generating profile information of a prescribed user based on the use record information of said terminal unit of said user transmitted from said terminal unit, wherein at least one of said use record information and said profile information includes identifying information for the terminal unit (Dedrick Col 5, lines 20-40) (Dedrick Col 9, lines 25-35) (Covered in claim 13); (The session manager has to know the identity of the terminal (IP source address) in order to setup a session between the terminal and server). transmitting means for transmitting said generated profile information to the terminal unit (Dedrick Col 5, lines 20-40); and storing means detachably provided in said the terminal unit for accumulating said use record information and said profile information so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal (Dedrick Col 5, lines 50-65) (Dedrick Col 6, lines 5-15). (Dedrick Col 5, lines 20-40).

15. Regarding claim 23, Dedrick combined with Lee, teaches about an apparatus for providing information to a terminal unit remote from the apparatus, said apparatus comprising (Fig 1): profile information generating means for generating the profile

information of a prescribed user base on use record information of said terminal unit of said user transmitted from said terminal unit wherein at least one of said use record information and said profile information includes identifying information for said terminal unit (Dedrick Col 5, lines 20-40) (Covered in claim 13); and (The session manager has to know the identity of the terminal (e.g. IP source address) in order to setup a session between the terminal and server). storing means for storing said profile information thus generated, wherein said storing means is a storage medium detachably provided in said terminal unit so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal (Dedrick Col 5, lines 50-65) (Dedrick Col 6, lines 5-15). (Dedrick Col 5, lines 20-40) (Dedrick Col 5, lines 20-40) (Dedrick Col 6, lines 5-15).

16. Regarding claim 25, Dedrick combined with Lee, teaches about an apparatus for providing Information according to claim 23 further comprising: selecting means for selecting information supplied to said user base on the profile Information stored in said storing means (Dedrick Col 6, line 65- Col 7, line 10) (Dedrick Col 7, lines 55-65).

17. Regarding claim 27, Dedrick combined with Lee, teaches about a user information processing system comprising: a terminal unit adapted to accumulate terminal use record Information "client activity" upon use of the terminal unit by a user (Dedrick Col 5, lines 20-40); a storage medium detachably provided in said terminal unit so that when the user uses a terminal unit, the terminal unit accesses the user profile information from the storing means to obtain information peculiar to the particular user using the terminal (Dedrick Col 5, lines 50-65) (Dedrick Col 6, lines 5-15). (Dedrick Col

5, lines 20-40) a server adapted to generate profile information of the user "personal profile" on the basis of the terminal use record information accumulated by the terminal unit, wherein said terminal unit is adapted to accumulate the profile information generated by said server, and wherein at least one of said use record information and said profile information includes identifying information for said terminal unit (Dedrick Col 5, lines 20-40).

18. Regarding claims 28-33, the prior art of record teaches the method and system wherein said identifying information about the terminal unit includes global positioning information (see column 17, lines 1-15).

19. Regarding claim 38, the prior art of record teaches the method and system wherein the apparatus is configured for providing information to a plurality of terminal units remote from the apparatus (see column 5, line 20 through column 6, line 3).

20. Regarding claim 40, the prior art of record teaches the method and system further comprising a plurality of terminal units adapted to accumulate terminal use record information when used by the user (see column 5, line 20 through column 6, line 3).

Response to Arguments

21. Applicant's arguments filed 11/15/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

22. Applicant's arguments fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically

pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references. Applicant's arguments do not comply with 37 CFR 1.111(c) because they do not clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the objections made. Further, they do not show how the amendments avoid such references or objections.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

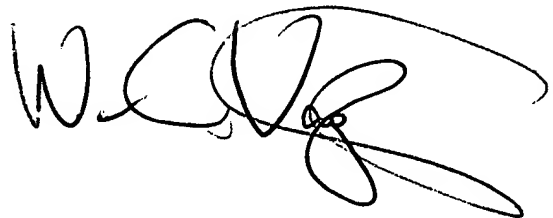
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph R. Maniwang whose telephone number is (571) 272-3928. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William C. Vaughn can be reached on (571) 272-3922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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